

Elective course in the area **Philosophy**

Economic Philosophy

Teaching Load 2.5 hours per week

Kind of course Elective in Master Programme

ECTS Credit Points 5 = 150 hours

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| Lecture: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 37.5 hours = 15 x 2.5 hours per week |
| Self-study: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 112.5 hours<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 52.5 h: studying obligatory literature➤ 40.0 h: studying elective literature➤ 20.0 h: preparation of a presentation |

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Course objective and Learning Outcomes

- knowledge of different approaches of economic philosophy,
- knowledge of Christian (Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant), Islamic (Sunnite, Shi'ite), Hinduist, Buddhist (Hinayanan, Mahayanan, Vajrayanan) and Confucian values,
- ability to transfer knowledge to the analysis of new problems,
- sensitising to similarities and differences between various cultures,
- intercultural competence,
- awareness of the importance of the "homo culturalis" compared to the "homo oeconomicus",
- awareness of the importance of ancient writings for present-day problems.

Topics

1. Interdependencies Between Philosophy, Culture and Economic Performance

1. Hofstede's Five Cultural Dimensions
2. Inglehart's Cultural World Map
3. Transparency International's Corruption Perception Index

4. Huntington's Clash Cicero: "De re publica"

2. Western Economic Philosophy

1. Ancient Greek and Roman Economic Philosophy
2. Christian Economic Philosophy
3. Economic Philosophy of the Renaissance and the Enlightenment Era
4. Ethical and Economic Implications

3. Eudaimonist Economic Philosophy

1. Deficiencies of the homo oeconomicus
2. Existential Eudaimony
3. Moral Eudaimony
4. Affective Eudaimony
5. Contemplative Eudaimony
6. Ethical and Economic Implications

4. Hinduist Economic Philosophy

1. Religious Principles
2. Ethical and Economic Implications

5. Buddhist Economic Philosophy

1. Religious Principles
2. Ethical and Economic Implications

6. Confucian Economic Philosophy

1. Religious Principles
2. Ethical and Economic Implications

7. Islamic Economic Philosophy

1. Religious Principles
2. Ethical and Economic Implications

8. Conclusion

Literature

Obligatory literature

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Harrison, L.E. , Huntington, S.P. (ed.): Culture Matters. How Values Shape Human Progress, New York, 2000 ➤ Huntington, S.P.: The Clash of Civilizations <p>Obligatory scripts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Introduction to Christian Economic Philosophy ➤ Introduction to Islamic Economic Philosophy ➤ Introduction to Hinduist Economic Philosophy ➤ Introduction to Buddhist Economic Philosophy ➤ Introduction to Confucian Economic Philosophy ➤ The Enlightenment Era ➤ Theory of Justice <p>Elective literature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Aristotle: "Nicomachean Ethics" ➤ Cicero: "De re publica", Stuttgart, 2nd editino, 1998 ➤ Epicur: "Fragments" ➤ Plato: "Politeia" ➤ Seneca: "Epistulae Morales ad Lucilium" ➤ Xenophon: "Poroi" ➤ Huntington, S.P.: Who Are We, New York, 2004
Teaching Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion • Text Analysis • Presentations by Students • Teamwork • Lectures • Aporetic Dialogues
Grading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Paper (15%) ➤ Presentation (5%) ➤ Final exam (80%)
Language of Instruction	English